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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Hoon Song	2882	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7-29, 31-37 and 39-66 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5, 7-29, 31-37, 39-59, 65 and 66 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 60 and 62-64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 61 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 November 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “an external device” as claimed in claim 11; “means for detecting” as claimed in claim 13; “means for deactivating” as claimed in claim 15; “an input module”, “a comparator”, “a signal generator” as claimed in claim 31; “a radiosurgical treatment apparatus”, “an imaging system”, “a robot” as claimed in claim 32; “an x-ray source”, “articulated arm”, “robot-based frameless stereotactic radiosurgery system” as claimed in claim 39; “gantry-based system” as claimed in claim 40 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

The above are only exemplary noted deficiencies. There are repeating drawing informalities exist. Accordingly, all drawings should be reviewed.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering

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of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claims 5 and 14-15 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 5 at line 1, delete "4".

In claim 14 at line 1, "said one or more errors", at line 3, "said sensor", at line 4 "said actuator" and at line 6 "said corrective motions" lack proper antecedent basis.

In claim 15 at line 1, "said means for correcting", at line 3, "said imaging system", at line 6, "the error correction process" lack proper antecedent basis.

The above are only exemplary noted deficiencies. There are repeating numerous other informalities through out the claims. Accordingly, all claims should be reviewed.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 60 and 62-64 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hughes (US 5820553).

Regarding claims 60, Hughes teaches a method comprising:

Providing a support device (column 2 line 67);

Providing a therapeutic radiation source; and

Moving the support device with respect to the therapeutic radiation source in at least 3 degrees of freedom to align a treatment target with respect to the therapeutic radiation source (column 3 line 5).

Regarding claim 62, Shepherd teaches the therapeutic radiation source is an x-ray linear accelerator (column 2 line 67).

Regarding claim 63, Hughes teaches the treatment apparatus is a frameless stereotactic radiosurgery system.

Regarding claim 64, the treatment apparatus is a gantry-based radiosurgery system.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-29, 31-37, 39-59 and 65-66 allowed over the prior art.

Claim 61 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding claims 1-3, 5, 7-29, 31-37, 39-59, 61 and 65-66, Murphy et al. (US 6125164) fails to teach a controller for controlling a support device.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 60 and 62-64 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoon Song whose telephone number is (571) 272-2494. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5 PM, Monday - Friday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Glick can be reached on (571) 272 - 2490. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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